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Army Specialist Christopher Scott was from Dundee, New York, and was proud to serve his country as a military police officer in Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan, Scott made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

On September 3, 2011, he was killed in Kandahar province during an insurgent attack. Scott is survived by his parents, brothers, grandparents, and his fiancée.

At the time of his death, Scott had been scheduled to return home in 12 days to be married to his fiancée, Tory L. Oden. Specialist Christopher Scott was just 21 years old.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 606, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office.

Christopher Scott was raised in Dundee, New York, and graduated from Dundee Central School in 2009. Christopher excelled in both the classroom and athletics as a member of the football, track, and cheerleading teams.

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Christopher enlisted in the United States Army in July 2009, where he served as a military policeman. Specialist Scott was assigned to the 561st Military Police Company, 716th MP Battalion. Specialist Scott was attached to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Fourth Infantry Division upon his deployment to Afghanistan in 2011.

Just 2 months into his first tour overseas and 12 days before returning home to get married, Specialist Scott was tragically killed while conducting a dismounted patrol with Afghan uniformed police partners in Kandahar City. Specialist Scott was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge for his honorable service.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this bill to recognize the valor of Specialist Christopher Scott and the extraordinary sacrifices made by him and his family. I urge all Members of the Congress to vote in favor of this legislation.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the State of New York (Mr. REED).

Mr. REED. I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding, as well as my colleague from Maryland for his support.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 606, to rename the post

office at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, after Specialist Christopher Scott.

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Scott gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country on September 3, 2011, at the young age of 21 years old, and I am honored to recognize him here today.

A 2009 graduate of Dundee Central Schools, Christopher was an engaged student who was active on both his school's football and track teams. In addition, he was the only male cheerleader on the varsity squad. Outside of school, Chris was skilled in martial arts and was an avid member of the Spencer Van Etten Coon Hunting Club.

It was Specialist Scott's dream to serve his country as a military policeman, and he enlisted shortly after graduating from Dundee. He was assigned to the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and he was ultimately deployed in July of 2011. His fellow soldiers commended him on his leadership and constant professionalism.

Tragically, Mr. Speaker, he was killed September 3, 2011, while on patrol in Afghanistan, just 2 weeks before he was to return home to be married. The news devastated his tight-knit community of 1,500 people.

His service and heroism earned him numerous awards and decorations, which include the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, the NATO Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

Specialist Scott personified patriotism, giving the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The least we can do is to pay tribute to his bravery and dedication by naming the Tyrone Post Office in his honor to help preserve his legacy as one of New York's true heroes for generations to come.

I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 606 and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 606.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ELIZABETH L. KINNUNEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2223) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2223

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ELIZABETH L. KINNUNEN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. GOSAR. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2223, introduced by my colleague Representative DAN BENISHEK of Michigan, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office.

Elizabeth Kinnunen emigrated from Finland to the United States in 1903. She operated a boarding house in Marquette, Michigan, with her husband and had 11 children.

During her life, Mrs. Kinnunen endured a devastating and unfathomable loss: two of her sons died while in service to our country. Her son Eiso was killed at the Battle of the Bulge in 1945, and her son Raymond was killed in Korea in 1952.

Mrs. Kinnunen passed away in 1974. Mrs. Kinnunen's sacrifice and the sacrifice of thousands of others just like her and their continued perseverance illustrate the courage and indomitability of the American spirit.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 2223, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building.

Elizabeth Kinnunen came to the United States from Finland in 1903 with hopes of a better life. After marrying Oscar Kinnunen in 1909, Elizabeth worked alongside her husband to

run a boarding home for timber and mining workers in Marquette, Michigan. Eventually, Elizabeth, Oscar, and their 11 children moved to Munising, Michigan, where they continued to work tirelessly so that each of their children could achieve the American Dream.

Ms. Kinnunen made many sacrifices on behalf of her children, and two of her beloved sons made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our great country. Eiso Kinnunen was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge in 1945; and shortly thereafter, in 1952, Ms. Kinnunen became a two Gold Star Mother, when Raymond Kinnunen lost his life in the Korean war.

It is difficult to fathom, Mr. Speaker, the devastating losses Ms. Kinnunen endured, but we can honor her hard work, her dedication, and her sacrifices by naming this post office in her honor.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the State of Michigan (Mr. BENISHEK).

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues from Maryland and Arizona for bringing this bill to the floor.

I rise today in support of H.R. 2223, a bill to name the post office building in Munising, Michigan, after the late Mrs. Elizabeth Kinnunen.

Born in 1893, the former Elizabeth Lempi Paasto immigrated to our country from Finland in 1903. She came, like many in northern Michigan and throughout our great land, for freedom and opportunity and for a chance at the American Dream. She married Oscar Kinnunen in 1909. Together, they had 11 children.

To provide for their family, Mr. and Mrs. Kinnunen operated a boarding house in Marquette, Michigan. They provided lodging to timber and mining workers in Marquette County. Eventually, they moved to Munising, Michigan, where Oscar worked for the paper company and Elizabeth worked as a local cook. Mrs. Kinnunen continued to work to support her family after Oscar died in 1952 and was a faithful member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Munising.

Mrs. Kinnunen's life was, unfortunately, marked by tragedy in two great wars that defined this country. Two of her sons, Eiso and Raymond, were killed overseas defending the American people and our freedom. Eiso was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945, and Raymond lost his life in Korea in 1952. We will never know the devastating grief their family must have suffered after such an enormous loss. We will also never be able to fathom the somber dignity Mrs. Kinnunen must have felt, in the words of President Lincoln, "to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Mrs. Kinnunen died on April 5, 1974, at the age of 81. While Mrs. Kinnunen

is not a household name, her hard work to provide for her family and the terrible sacrifices she and her family endured, much like many throughout our country, form an important part of our history. Naming this post office in her honor is a thoughtful and lasting way for the community of Munising to celebrate her life and accomplishments.

The City of Munising, the Alger County Board of Commissioners, and the American Legion Post 131 in Munising have worked for years to honor Mrs. Kinnunen by renaming this post office in her name. It is my honor to represent the citizens of northern Michigan today who have worked so hard to recognize the sacrifices Mrs. Kinnunen made for love of family and country.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 2223, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2223.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### OFFICER JAMES BONNEAU MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3534) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3534

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. OFFICER JAMES BONNEAU MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise

and extend their remarks and to include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. GOSAR. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3534, introduced by my colleague, Representative TIM WALBERG of Michigan, will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.

Police Officer James Bonneau served in the Jackson Police Department in Michigan. While he was responding to a domestic disturbance call, he was shot and killed on March 9, 2010. A veteran with 2 years on the police force, he was loved and respected by his community. Officer Bonneau was 26 years old when he died doing his duty for his community and his country.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am very pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3534, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.

James Bonneau was a native of Canton, Michigan. He graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University in 2006. James graduated at the top of his class from Lansing Community College's Mid-Michigan Police Academy and subsequently joined the Jackson Police Department.

On March 9, 2010, Officer Bonneau was following up on a domestic disturbance call when he was tragically shot and killed.

Bonneau is survived by his parents, Marc and Amy Bonneau, as well as his fiancée, Rachael Maloney.

Passing this bill will help recognize Officer Bonneau's police service as well as his dedication and commitment to his family, the police department, and his community. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the State of Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues from Arizona and Maryland for their support in bringing this forward.

It is with a heavy heart that I rise today in support of H.R. 3534, legislation I introduced to designate the postal facility located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.

Just after midnight on March 9, 2010, Officer James Bonneau was killed in